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The information according to which the file is in the first local server is then deleted in the remotely logged client table RT2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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~~According to the invention, in~~ In a remote computer 17, a method for providing a file comprises the steps of receiving a request for this file, identifying this file as being stored in a distant server 11, requesting the distant server to send the file, identifying this file as being used, and forwarding this file. Further, in a local server 11, a method for transferring a file from a home server 17 comprises the steps of receiving a request for this file, this request comprising the home server identification, checking that this file is not locally stored, requesting this file to the home server, identifying the file as being locally used, and forwarding said this file.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (original) A method for providing a file comprising the following steps:
receiving a request for said file,
identifying said file as being stored in a distant server,
requesting said distant server to send said file,
identifying said file as being used, and forwarding said file.
 2. (currently amended) A method for providing a file comprising the following steps :
receiving a request for said file, said request comprising a home server identification,
checking that said file is not locally stored,
requesting said file ~~to~~ from said home server,
identifying said file as being locally used, and
forwarding said file.
 3. (canceled)
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Sub B1
5. (original) A server comprising means for carrying out the steps of the method according to claim 1.

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6. (original) The server according to claim 5 comprising a remotely logged client table for identifying where said file has been forwarded.

Sub B2
7. (original) A server comprising means for carrying out the steps of the method according to claim 2.

8. (original) The server according to claim 7 comprising a guest client table for identifying to whom said file has been forwarded.